IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Lola M. Reid et al.

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PRECURSORS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT **UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 20, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 5.